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11 DEC MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - OCTOBER, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1959 -

Males - 368,477 Females - 350,687 Persons - 719,164

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959

Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	SEPTEMBER				Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	428	7.23	462	7.93	3,926	7.30	3,745	7.08
Births	1,419	23.96	1,433	24.60	12,823	23.84	12,607	23.85
Deaths	472	7.97	517	8.88	4,133	7.68	4,211	7.97
Infant Mortality (b)	31	21.85	34	23.73	235	18.33	263	20.86

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	6	3	24	21
Malignant neoplasms	80	80	683	668
Diabetes mellitus	7	11	38	44
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	1	15	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	49	60	477	508
Diseases of the heart	165	166	1,336	1,378
Hypertension with heart disease	13	22	92	131
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	4	5	30	43
Arteriosclerosis	13	11	101	98
Influenza	3	2	81	6
Pneumonia	18	18	152	150
Bronchitis	5	8	57	53
Other respiratory diseases	5	5	47	43
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	4	26	32
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	-	21	23
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	4	7
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	5	17	25
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	3	49	47
Disease of the prostate	4	2	42	38
Maternal causes	1	1	5	7
Diseases of early infancy	19	19	139	154
Motor vehicle accidents	9	19	123	145
Other accidents	17	18	137	125
Suicide	6	13	60	78
All other causes	40	40	377	375
Total:	472	517	4,133	4,211

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1959, totalled 807,785 acres, an increase of 100,830 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 11,249,041 acres, an increase of 7,409,475 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Revenue	4,859,129	5,667,847	18,726,753	18,368,411
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 14. 9	7. 19. 8	25. 19. 11	25. 18. 11
Expenditure	5,517,178	6,615,557	21,117,934	21,548,949
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 13. 0	9. 6. 4	29. 6. 4	30. 8. 9

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of October, 1959, amounted to £75,418,273 or £104-10-0 per head of population as against £67,848,322 or £95-9-3 per head at the end of October, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th October, 1959, amounted to £17,896,406 compared with £15,569,527 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No. 1,872	£. 2,975,797	1,732	7,460
Mortgages	No. 1,407	£. 3,235,709	2,541,274	11,352,932
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 1,034		1,243	5,562
			2,479,556	11,789,544
			1,014	4,344
				6,871
				10,681,599
				5,312
				10,388,642
				3,960

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
October, 1959	4,457,399	3,128,314	11,300,594	720,880
October, 1958	4,400,234	3,281,542	10,732,972	638,502
Four Months ended October, 1959	16,351,066	12,510,643	43,508,656	2,606,784
Four Months ended October, 1958	15,338,458	12,631,859	41,949,305	2,339,183

COMPANIES REGISTERED

122 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,302,800 and 51 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 82 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,883,350 and 43 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	37	£. 70,518	£. 15,372	47	£. 326,847	£. 68,293
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	30	£. 96,777	£. 122,267	36	£. 219,713	£. 201,438

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a)*	£. 1,247,500	£. 1,062,100	£. 3,727,500	£. 3,083,700
Operating Expenses (a)	£. 1,259,024	£. 1,214,220	£. 3,871,229	£. 3,714,631
Train Miles Run	No. 674,747	No. 591,783	No. 2,037,245	No. 1,812,376
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 120,799	No. (c) 125,344	No. (d) 276,831	No. (e) 286,158
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train	No. 1,402,208	No. 1,486,781	No. 3,785,499	No. 3,739,331
Motor Bus	No. 23,957	No. 25,163	No. 69,676	No. 72,045
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Paying Goods	317,631	240,272	1,021,428	745,810
Livestock	20,394	15,358	43,000	34,101
Departmental (Free Freight)	55,005	62,699	194,498	193,156
Total:	393,030	318,329	1,258,926	973,067
<u>Net Ton Milage of</u> -				
Paying Goods	52,324,125	39,977,329	167,828,461	126,637,445
Livestock	2,634,937	2,120,711	5,977,806	4,826,925
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,836,672	5,927,083	17,706,735	19,190,225
Total:	60,795,734	48,025,123	191,513,002	150,654,595

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 12th September.

(c) Four weeks ended 13th September.

(d) Period 1st July to 12th September.

(e) Period 1st July to 13th September.

* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
<u>1959 -</u>										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	* 118,069	* 64,960	* 1,197	* 12,894
August	77,129	25,707	598	9,095	* 118,987	* 65,464	* 1,210	* 12,986
September	77,303	25,762	572	9,139	119,778	65,928	1,185	13,128

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

* Revised.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
 (£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Overseas	3,153	3,781	10,768	14,021	8,685	6,830	21,916	21,738
Interstate	9,398	8,322	26,229	24,296	5,122	2,949	9,590	7,979
Total:	12,551	12,103	36,997	38,317	13,807	9,779	31,506	29,717

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
<u>1959 -</u>										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
<u>1959 -</u>										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity	Fine oz.	70,428	70,128	680,277
Value (Aust. Currency) (a)	£.	1,100,432	1,095,751	10,628,720
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	1,102,500
				1,061,094

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2998	3129	2967	3043	2758	2830	2731	2790
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3222	3388	3187	3293	2663	2734	2639	2695
Northam	3111	3195	3093	3125	2716	2767	2701	2729
Bunbury	3091	3140	3136	3082	2786	2852	2785	2817
Geraldton	3238	3453	3222	3322	2962	3100	2943	3030
Collie	3199	3284	3186	3197	2539	2580	2526	2546

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestics, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>							
October	138.7	45.2	183.9	October	139.2	46.2	185.4
November	139.1	45.7	184.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>							
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
<u>1958 (cont.):</u>							
<u>1959:</u>							
January				January			
February				February			
March				March			
April				April			
May				May			
June				June			
July				July			
August				August			
September				September			

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	225
August	230	239	230	229	225	226
September	232	241	233	232	225	229
October	233	241	233	232	226	
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
26/10/59	14. 1. 6	9. 3. 0	14. 1. 3	9. 2. 10	13. 17. 4	9. 0. 3	

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
September, 1959	18,222	2,527	131,891	107,659	14,173
September, 1958	14,789	2,743	131,695	109,161	19,582
3 Months ended Sept., 1959	68,151	7,502	353,301	202,979	43,485
3 Months ended Sept., 1958	58,913	8,185	343,340	193,085	55,355

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
September, 1959	3,819	95	2,406	1,475	793
September, 1958	3,076	101	2,411	1,492	1,076
3 Months ended Sept., 1959	14,691	277	6,457	2,670	2,409
3 Months ended Sept., 1958	12,572	300	6,341	2,615	2,438

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State	Metro- politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
9 Mths. ended Sept., 1958	4,985	6,569	1,829	2,578	6,814	9,147	61	139	2,223	3,278
9 Mths. ended Sept., 1959	4,646	6,259	1,827	2,581	6,473	8,840	56	113	2,308	3,358
<u>1959 -</u>										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	*564	*764	*238	*320	*802	*1,084	8	11	*272	*392
August	*617	*819	204	*290	*821	*1,109	1	9	276	*377
September	490	652	175	250	665	902	5	7	246	359

* Revised.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958			1959									
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FRUIT		s. d.												
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	40. 6	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3
- Val.	bush.	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6
- Other	bush.	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate #	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3
Cauliflowers	dozen	18. 2	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	12. 8
Lettuce	crate	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4
Table Celery	doz. head	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2
Beetroot	cwt.	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1
Carrots	cwt.	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4
Parsnips	cwt.	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8
Swedes	cwt.	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 0	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6
Peas	lb.	8	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	3	5	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9
Pumpkin	bag	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5
Onions (a)	ton	£. s.d.												
Potatoes (b)	ton	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.
(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.
(d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

50 lb. crate.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958			1959											
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
	£. s. d.														
SHEEP															
Suckers	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5		
Lambs															
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	-	2. 1. 10	
Hoggets															
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes															
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6. 10	-	-	-	-
Shorn	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13. 11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4		
Wethers															
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-
Shorn	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7		
CATTLE															
Baby Beef	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1		
Heifers	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10		
Cows	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7		
Steers	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6		
Bullocks	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2		
PIGS															
Slips	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2		
Porkers	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6		
Baconers	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9		

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.
These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	*13,524	*8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	*3,523	82,592	*18,825	12,452	15,488
1958	*26,321	*18,176	*11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	*92,364	*24,529	*16,224	19,052
1959	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	52,576	4,212	3,383	81,719	24,210	15,814	20,779
MONTH:													
1958 - March	2,277	1,571	971	206	181	123	4,501	382	305	6,984	2,134	1,399	18,155
April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,997	323	261	6,533	2,125	1,367	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,808	270	220	6,178	1,848	1,198	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,830	296	240	6,138	1,785	1,161	20,779
July													(g)20,887
August													(g)21,122
September													(g)21,386

(Particulars not yet available)

(a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.
(b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.
(g) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision. * Revised.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS: £ MILLION

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

Period	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing and Drapery (b)	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (c)	Elect- rical Goods (d)	Furniture and Floor Coverings	News- papers, Books, etc.	Chemists' Goods	Other Goods (e)(f)	Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(g)
YEAR														
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	(h)	3.8	2.4	3.0	(i)	(i)	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	(h)	9.3	6.1	5.2	(i)	(i)	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.4	4.6	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	(h)	12.1	8.1	6.7	(i)	(i)	33.7	163.2	56.0
1958-59	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	164.2	54.6
March Qtr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8	(h)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.8	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0	(h)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.1	38.4	12.1
1958	6.6	2.9	5.0	5.3	6.1	(h)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.5	40.3	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.1	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.4	1.2	1.3	5.5	40.0	13.6
June Qtr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3	(h)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.5	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3	(h)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	7.8	39.4	13.2
1958	6.8	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.5	(h)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(i)	(i)	8.1	40.5	13.8
1959	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	(j)	41.7	14.3
Sept. Qtr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6	(h)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(i)	(i)	6.6	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.0	4.6	4.2	6.7	(h)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.0	38.1	13.5
1958	6.9	2.8	4.6	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.3	4.3	38.0	12.8
Dec. Qtr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2	(h)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.8	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5	(h)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(i)	(i)	8.0	44.3	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.7	1.3	1.5	5.1	44.5	13.9

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Footwear in 1956-57 and for quarters from September, 1958. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (d) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (f) Excludes newspapers, etc., and Chemists' Goods in 1956-57 and for quarters from September, 1958. (g) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (h) Included with Clothing and Drapery. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	379	561	1,425	1,600
Bricks - Cement	'000	96	99	236	532
- Clay	"	9,080	8,799	26,224	25,582
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	99	119	319	344
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,996	2,082	5,804	6,470
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	29,631	27,997	86,691	70,796
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	397	469	1,369	1,370
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	20,689	19,701	60,492	56,728
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	678	740	2,891	3,096
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	875	893	1,650	2,105
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,836	5,780	16,106	16,658
Suits - Men's - 3 piece		58	70	196	236
- 2 piece	"	1,605	1,422	4,637	4,207
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	6,464	4,896	18,048	14,427
- Work	"	17,727	13,289	47,723	43,258
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	54,261	65,375	130,915	159,770
Slippers	"	19,012	21,224	42,438	59,834
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	316	224	697	481
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	19,510	15,124	34,921	30,745
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	486	590	1,631	1,467
Butter	"	2,233	1,927	5,893	4,972
Cheese	"	459	343	1,230	779
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	703	440	1,897	1,285
- Sulphuric	ton	18,168	15,980	53,640	46,664
Coal	"	81,423	77,834	247,600	238,077
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	74,681	69,896	228,756	219,426
Gas Produced	million				
Mattresses - Inner Spring	cub. ft.	120	128	373	401
- Woven Wire	number	3,011	2,786	8,484	8,279
- Soft Filled	"	6,612	575	8,582	3,727
Motor Vehicle Bodies -	"	2,795	2,487	8,748	8,277
Truck Trays	"	57	31	125	96
Pig Iron	ton	3,554	1,484	10,493	5,000
Superphosphate	"	52,315	43,569	149,468	127,858
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	2,600	1,962	7,500	5,601

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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